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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SCHEEL SATISFIED

EMBASSY BONN HAS LEARNED THAT FRG FOREIGN MINISTER SCHEEL WAS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH WHAT HE HEARD ON HIS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT. HE ATTRIBUTED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE STRONG AND REPEATED US EMPHASIS ON THE PRIORITY WE ATTACH TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AS OPPOSED TO US RELATIONS WITH THE USSR AND THE PRC. SCHEEL FOUND HIMSELF IN SUBSTANTIAL AGREEMENT WITH OUR VIEWS ON THE PURPOSE AND CONTENT OF A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES ON US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS. HE WAS ALSO GRATIFIED AT OUR COMMON INTERPRETATION OF THE US-USSR NUCLEAR WAR PREVENTION AGREEMENT. (SECRET) BONN 10173, 7/17.

2. SIHANOUK REVEALS PEACE CONTACTS WITH US

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IN AN EXCLUSIVE AFP INTERVIEW ON EUYDWUN SIHANOUK DISCLOSED THAT HE HAD TRANSMITTED HIS FINAL PEACE PROPOSAL TO THE US BY WAY OF MAURITANIAN PRESIDENT

OULD DADDAH DURING LATE MAY, AND THAT THE US HAD

VERBALLY REJECTED IT THROUGH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN NOUAKCHOTT. SIHANOUK AGAIN EXCLUDED THE POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING NEXT MONTH WITH HENRY KISSINGER. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, HE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT THE PRC WOULD RESUME ARMS DELIVERIES TO CAMBODIAN INTERNAL RESISTANCE FORCES AS SOON AS THE QUESTION OF SHIPMENT THROUGH NORTH VIETNAM HAS BEEN RESOLVED. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) FBIS 15, 7/18.

3. NORTH VIETNAMESE END SOVIET VISIT

IN ANALYZING THE JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DRV DELEGATION'S VISIT, EMBASSY MOSCOW OBSERVES THAT THE SOVIETS MOVED PART WAY TOWARDS RECOGNIZING THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE SPOKESMEN FOR THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. THE SOVIETS, HOWEVER, DID NOT FULLY ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH TOUGH DRV LANGUAGE ON US COMPLIANCE WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) MOSCOW 8503, 7/17.

4. ISMAIL'S MOSCOW VISIT BARES DIFFERENCES

A JORDANIAN EMBASSY SOURCE SHARES THE GENERAL BELIEF IN MOSCOW THAT THE RECENT VISIT BY EGYPT'S HAFEZ ISMAIL WAS NOT A HAPPY ONE. THE SOURCE BELIEVES THAT THERE IS A BETTER THAN EVEN CHANCE THAT SADAT WILL ABROGATE THE FRIENDSHIP TREATY IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS. IN SHARP CONTRAST TO ISMAIL'S LAST VISIT, THE SOVIET PRESS DESCRIBED THE TALKS AS "FRANK," AND NO JOINT STATEMENT WAS ISSUED. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 8487, 7/17.

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5. AFGANISTAN: FORMER STRONGMAN RETURNS

IN ITS INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF YESTERDAY'S COUP IN AFGANISTAN, EMBASSY KABUL DESCRIBES THE BRILLIANTLY ORGANIZED TAKEOVER OF THE COUNTRY BY PRINCE DAUD, FORMER PRIME MINISTER FROM 1953-63, AND A SMALL NUMBER OF DISSIDENT MILITARY OFFICERS. DAUD HAS ABOLISHED THE MONARCHY, THE 1964 CONSTITUTION AND DECLARED A REPUBLIC WITH HIMSELF AS HEAD. THERE APPEARS TO BE NO EFFECTIVE OPPOSITION TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE INEFFECTIVE AND CORRUPT RULE OF THE FORMER KING.

(SECRET) KABUL 5222, 7/17 (EXDIS).

6. CAMBODIAN POLITICAL CRISIS EASES

AMBASSADOR SWANK REPORTS THAT IN CONTRAST TO

THE POSSIBILITY OF A POLITICAL CRISIS WHICH WAS DEVELOPING LAST WEEK, IN TAM SEEMS TO BE REASONABLY SATISFIED AT THE CURRENT INTERNAL SITUATION AND PLANS TO REMAIN AS PRIME MINISTER DESPITE HIS CONTINUING DISSATISFACTION AT HIS VIRTUAL EXCLUSION FROM MILITARY AFFAIRS. BOTH IN TAM AND CHENG HENG, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT THE DEPARTURE OF LON NOL IS THE ONLY KEY TO IMPROVED STABILITY. FOLLOWING A HIGH COUNCIL MEETING TODAY IN WHICH IN TAM ASSUMED THE ADDITIONAL TITLE OF MINISTER OF INTERIOR, CHENG HENG OBSERVED THAT HE BELIEVES THEY WILL BE ABLE TO AVOID A POLITICAL CRISIS AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER AUGUST 15. (CONFIDENTIAL) PHNOM PENH 7178, 7/17.

7. UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND MIDDLE EAST

EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ZAYYAT'S DECISION TO COME DIRECTLY TO NEW YORK FROM PARIS HAS DIMINISHED HOPES OF USING SYG WALDHEIM'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS INTENTION TO VISIT THE MIDDLE EAST TO AVOID THE SECOND ROUND OF THE SC MIDDLE EAST DEBATE. USUN, HOWEVER, WILL
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ENCOURAGE WALDHEIM TO TELL ZAYYAT THAT HE OBVIOUSLY WOULD NOT WANT TO MAKE THE TRIP IN THE WAKE OF A US VETO. USUN SUGGESTS THAT IF THE DEBATE TAKES PLACE AND A US VETO APPEARS LIKELY, WE SHOULD INDICATE IN ADVANCE THAT WE WILL NOT ALLOW RECOURSE TO CONSENSUS PROCEDURE. (CONFIDENTIAL) USUN 2589, 7/17.

8. CRISIS IN CHILE CONTINUES

EMBASSY SANTIAGO REPORTS THAT THE SITUATION IN CHILE REMAINS FRAUGHT WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW CRUNCH. THE COMMUNIST PARTY'S HARDLINE SHIFT THREATENS TO LEAVE PRESIDENT ALLENDE IN THE REAR OF THE MOVEMENT, AND IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE MILITARY, STUNG BY ITS RECENT FAILURES, IS PLOTTING EVEN HARDER OR ONLY LYING LOW. ANY NUMBER OF PROBLEMS COULD, THE EMBASSY NOTES, PRECIPITATE A NEW POLITICAL SHOWDOWN. (SECRET) SANTIAGO 3168, 7/17 (EXDIS). RUSH

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